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1. REFTEL INDICATED DEPARTMENT HAS POUCHED TO CONGEN RELEASE TO BE SIGNED BY ISTANBUL PTT. IN LIGHT OF GOT HOPE THAT U.S. CAN MAKE SOME DEPOSIT OF FUNDS BY APRIL 30, AND TO FURTHER EXPEDITE CLAIM SETTLEMENT HERE, TEXT OF RELEASE IS REPEATED BELOW SO THAT CONGEN CAN CONTACT PTT ASAP:

BEGIN QUOTE TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME OR MAY CONCERN, GREETING:

KNOW YE, THAT ISTANBUL POST TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE SUM OF SEVEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND SIXTY TURKISH LIRA AND FIFTEEN KURUS (7,855,060.15 TL) (ABOUT 561,075.72 U.S. DOLLARS), LAWFUL MONEY OF TURKEY, TO IT IN HAND PAID BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, THE RECEIPT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHEREOF IS HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGED, HAS REMISED, RELEASED

AND FOREVER DISCHARGED, AND BY THESE PRESENTS DOES FOR ITSELF, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS AND EACH OF THEM REMISE, RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE THE UNITED STATES

OF AMERICA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62), ITS OFFICERS AND CREW, THEIR HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND ASSIGNS AND ALL PERSONS INTERESTED THEREIN, WHETHER AS UNDERWRITERS OR OTHERWISE, FROM ALL DEMANDS, CLAIMS ACTIONS OR SUITS OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER, IN ADMIRALTY, LAW OR EQUITY, WHICH THE SAID ISTANBUL POST, TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, EVER HAD, NOW HAS, OR MAY HAVE, FOR ALL LOSSES, CLAIMS, INJURIES OR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF, OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE DAMAGE TO ITS TELEPHONE CABLES CAUSED BY USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62) ON 6 AUGUST 1973

AND THE SAID ISTANBUL POST, TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, DOES FURTHER COVENANT THAT IT IS LEGALLY ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THE SAID SETTLEMENT AND TO GIVE FULL AND VALID ACQUITTANCE THEREOF.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE SAID ISTANBUL POST, TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, HAS CAUSED THESE PRESENTS TO BE SIGNED BY ITS () THE () DAY OF () IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR.

ISTANBUL POST, TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY. BY ( ). END QUOTE.

2. THERE IS ALSO REQUIREMENT THAT NOTARY PUBLIC CERTIFY THAT OFFICIAL SIGNING RELEASE FOR PTT HAS SWORN BEGIN QUOTE THAT HE IS THE (OFFICIAL TITLE), OF THE ISTANBUL POST, TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, THE CORPORATION NAME IN AND WHICH EXECUTED THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT; THAT HE KNOWS THE SEAL OF THE SAID CORPORATION; THAT IT WAS AFFIXED BY AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAID CORPORATION; AND THAT HE SIGNED HIS NAME THERETO BY LIKE AUTHORITY. END QUOTE.

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3. PLEASE ADVISE DEPARTMENT BY PRIORITY TELEGRAM WHETHER PTT SIGNS RELEASE, OR INDICATES WILLINGNESS TO DO SO UPON RECEIPT OF PAYMENT. WE ARE INFORMED BY NAVY JAG THAT PTT WILL HAVE TO SIGN RELEASE BEFORE EVEN PARTIAL PAYMENT CAN BE MADE. AS NOTED REFTEL, IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO PTT THAT RELEASE WILL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL PTT HAS RECEIVED FULL PAYMENT. KISSINGER

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